The Ministry of Tourism has also sanctioned projects worth Rs. 3726.79 lakh for development of tourism in the State of Gujarat during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Resentment against Sixth Pay Commission Report

*519. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government Employees Unions have announced that the Sixth Pay Panel Report is unacceptable to them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Sixth Pay Commission has made some amendments in its report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Government has received representations from some Central Government employees unions against certain recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission relating to pay structure, allowances, etc.

(c) No, Sir.

New Exploration Licensing Policy

*520. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the New Exploration Licensing Policy;

(b) what are the details of the projects under which exploration of oil and gas is being carried out under the new Policy, State-wise;

(c) what are the details of the agencies involved; and

(d) what are the details of the success that has been achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) New Exploration Licensing Policy was launched in 1997. The Government of India adopted international competitive bidding (ICB) system for offering acreages for exploration and production of oil and gas in the country. NELP has provided a level playing field wherein bids are invited from private and public sector companies—both Indian as well as foreign. Six rounds of bids have so far been invited under NELP, in which,162 exploration blocks have been awarded. The seventh round of NELP has been launched on 13th December, 2007, wherein Government has offered 57 exlporation blocks (19 Deepwater blocks, 9 Shallow water blocks and 29 Onland blocks). Salient features of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) are at Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) Details of NELP Blocks State-wise are Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) The details of agencies/operators involved in previous six rounds of NELP are at Statement -III (*See* below).

(d) Fifty nine oil and gas discoveries in 17 exploration blocks have been made under NELP so far. Work progress in remaining blocks is at various stages of exploration. Development Plan of Krisna-Godavari (KG) deepwater block is under implementation.

Natural gas production from KG basin at the rate of 40 Million Metric Standard Cubic Metre per Day (MMSCMD) is likely to commence from 3rd quarter of 2008.

Commercial production of gas has commenced from the NELP-blocks namely CB-ONN-2000/2, operated by M/s Niko Resources @ 0.3 MMSCMD from the year 2004 onwards and commercial production of oil has commenced from July, 2007 from the block CB-ONN-2000/1 operated by M/s GSPC @ 600 barrels per day.

Statement-I

Details of salient features of the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP)

The successful bidder would be required to enter into a Production Sharing Contract (PSC), which will be based on the Model Production Sharing Contract (MPSC). Some of the attractive features of the terms offered by the Government are:

* The possibility of seismic option alone in the first phase of the exploration period.
* Up to 100% participation by foreign companies.
* No signature, discovery or production bonus.
* No mandatory State participation.
* No carried interest by National Oil Companies (NOCs).
* Income Tax Holiday for seven years from start of commercial production.
* No customs duty on imports required for petroleum operations.
* Biddable cost recovery limit: Up to 100%.
* Option to amortise exploration and drilling expenditures over a period of 10 years from first commercial production.
* Sharing of profit petroleum with Government of India based on biddable pre-tax investment multiple achieved by the contractor.
* Royalty for onland areas is payable at the rate of 12.5% for crude oil and 10% for natural gas. For shallow water offshore areas, royalty is payable at the rate of 10% for both crude oil and natural gas. For deepwater offshore areas (beyond 400 m iso-bath) royalty is payable for both crude oil and natural gas at the rate of 5% for the first seven years of commercial production and thereafter at the rate of 10%.
* Fiscal stability provision in the contract.
* Freedom to the contractor for marketing of oil and gas in the domestic market.
* Liberal provisions for assignment.
* Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, based on UNCITRAL model, applicable.
* To facilitate investors, a Petroleum Tax Guide (PTG) is in place.
* To enable bidders' focus, blocks have been categorized as Type-S in onland area and Type-A and Type-B in onland and offshore area.
* Some blocks in onland area identified as Frontier area blocks have been given special dispensation for exploration period.

Statement-II

Details of State-wise blocks allotted by the Government under NELP

BLOCKS AWARDED IN ONLAND AREAS Under NELP

State	NELP-I	NELP-II	NELP-III	NELP-IV	NELP-V	NELP-VI	Total
Assam	-	1	1	1	2	5	10
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Andhra Pradesh	-	-	1	-	1	2	4
Bihar	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Gujarat	-	2	1	3	2	5	13
Himachal Pradesh	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Madhya Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Maharashtra	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Mizoram	-	-	1	-	-	2	3
Nagaland	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Orissa	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Rajasthan	-	1	1	1	3	5	11
Tripura	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Tamil Nadu	-	-	-	2	1	2	5
U.P.	1	1	-	-	1	1	4
West Bengal	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL:	1	7	8	10	12	25	63

Details of Offshore Blocks:

Type of Blocks	NELP-I	NELP-II	NELP-III	NELP-IV	NELP-V	NELP-VI	Total
Deepwater	7	8	9	10	6	21	61
Shallow offshore	16	8	6	-	2	6	38
TOTAL:	23	16	15	10	8	27	99

GrandTotal = 162

Statement-III

Details of the companies working under previous NELP rounds

Rounds	NOCs	Other PSUs	Indian Pvt. companies	Foreign companies
NELP-I	1. ONGC 2.OIL	1.IOC 2.GAIL	1.RIL 2. HOEC	1. Cairn Energy 2. Niko Resources 3. Mosbacher Energy 4. Gazprom
NELP-II	1.ONGC 2. OIL	1.IOC 2. GAIL 3. GSPC	1.RIL	1. Hardy Expl. & Production

Rounds	NOCs	Other PSUs	Indian Pvt. companies	Foreign companies
NELP-III	1.ONGC 2.OIL	1.IOC 2.GSPC	1. RIL 2. Jubilant Enpro	1. Hardy Expl. & Production 2. Geoglobal Resources Ltd.
NELP-IV	1.ONGC 2.OIL	1. HPCL 2. BPCL 3. GAIL 4. GSPC	1. RIL 2. Jubilant Enpro 3. Enpro Finance Pvt. Ltd. 4. Prize Petroleum Co. Ltd.	1. Cairn Energy 2.Hardy Expl. & Production 3. Geoglobal Resources
NELP-V	1.ONGC 2.OIL	1. GAIL 2. GSPC 3. HPCL 4. NTPC	1. RIL 2. Jubilant Enpro 3. Phoenix Overseas (now Focus Energy Limited)	1.ENI 2. Cairn Energy 3. Hardy Expl. & Production 4. Niko Resources 5. Canoro Resources 6. Geopetrol International 7. Brickbeck Investment Ltd. 8. Geoglobal Resources Ltd.
NELP-VI	1.ONGC 2.OIL	1.GSPC 2.GAIL 3.HPCL 4.BPCL 5.IOC	1. RIL 2. Tata Petrodyne 3. Focus Energy 4. Shivvani 5. RNRL 6. Essar Oil 7. Adani Enterprises 8. Adani Port 9. Jaycee 10. J.P. Associates 11. Prize Petroleum 12. REL 13. Essar Energy 14. Nitifire 15. Hermac	1. Cairn nergy 2. Geoglobal 3. Santos International 4. Newbury 5. Petrogas 6. BG 7. Suntera 8. Naftogaz 9. Geopetrol International 10. Hallworthy 11. Silverwave 12. Ensearch 13. Welspun

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

VIP lounges at airports

3699. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR:
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the clauses of the Agreement mandates JVC to provide and maintain VIP and ceremonial lounges at all the airports *i.e.*, Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore and Hyderabad, free of cost for the use of VIPs, designated guests, Government officials, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any classification has been made about the people eligible to use the VIP and ceremonial lounges in the above airports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?